

Agenda

The City of Frederick Mayor & Board of Aldermen Workshop

July 17, 2013
3:00 PM
City Hall Boardroom

Call to order & Pledge Allegiance

1. Approval of the June 5, 2013 Workshop Minutes
2. Approval of the June 5, 2013 Workshop Minutes
3. Approval of the June 19, 2013 Workshop Minutes

Agenda topics

1. Presentation from the LMC
Section 310 Committee – Joe Adkins
2. Discussion of the Storm Water
Management Fee Ordinance –
Zack Kershner
3. Discussion of Legislative
Initiatives – Aldermen Karen
Young & Carol Krimm
4. Aldermanic Comments

It is the policy of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to permit public comment limited to five (5) minutes per person or ten (10) minutes per group. A sign up sheet is available prior to the meeting.

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Mayor Randy McClement called the Workshop meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Mayor McClement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees – Mayor Randy McClement, Aldermen Karen Young, Michael O’Connor, Shelley Aloï, Kelly Russell, City attorney Sandra Nickols

Alderman Carol Krimm is attending the Transportation Planning Board meeting in Annapolis.

Aldermen Krimm entered the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Mayor McClement presented awards to the City employees that were named the Top Ten Steppers for the 10,000 Steps a Day Program. The top ten employees are as follows:

1. Chip Stitley – 1,153,900 steps
2. Mary Lenhart – 1,021,028 steps
3. Debbie Bofinger – 967,251 steps
4. Chris Bard – 867,632 steps
5. Frank Wilson – 815,376 steps
6. Taeko Wakasono – 769,964 steps
7. Donna Goff – 737,149 steps
8. Dodie Pohl – 715,036 steps
9. Kristen Kowalsky – 621,734 steps
10. Linda Stanfield – 615,948

- The June 5, 2013 Workshop Minutes were approved with a motion by Alderman Young, second by Alderman Aloï. The final vote was 4-0
- The June 12, 2013 Workshop minutes were approved with corrections with a motion by Alderman Aloï, second by Alderman O’Connor. The final vote was 3-0-1 with Alderman Young abstaining
- The June 19, 2013 Workshop Minutes were approved with a motion by Alderman O’Connor, second by Alderman Aloï. The final vote was 4-0.

* The July 17, 2013 Workshop meeting is available for viewing in its entirety via Granicus web streaming on The City of Frederick website, www.cityoffrederick.com.

Agenda topics

1. Presentation from the LMC Section 310 Committee

Discussion –Gabrielle Dunn, Division Manager of Current Planning, led the discussion concerning the recommendations of the ad hoc committee appointed by the Mayor to discuss Section 310 of the Land Management Code (LMC) which establishes the procedures for master plan applications, processing, and review.

Public Comment

Robert Logan

Lisa Boyle

Donna Kuzemchak

Meta Nash

Jim Racheff

Conclusion – The Planning Department will move forward with the process of writing a draft amendment and return to a future workshop meeting to present for review and discussion.

2. Discussion of the Storm Water Management Fee Ordinance

Discussion – Zack Kershner, Deputy Director of Public Works – Engineering, led the discussion on the proposed Stormwater User Fee Ordinance. The primary purpose of the Stormwater User Fee Ordinance is to establish a new stormwater management user fee, including the creation of a stormwater management fund and provisions for certain exemptions and credits. The Ordinance also creates a new chapter in the City Code and transfers therein the existing article on stormwater management (Chapter 25, Article VIII).

Public Comment

Tom Meachum

Conclusion – It is a consensus of the Board of Aldermen to tweak the ordinance per today’s discussion and move forward to a public meeting for formal actions.

3. Discussion of Legislative Initiatives

Discussion – Aldermen Karen Young and Carol Krimm led the discussion on Legislative Initiatives.

Alderman Krimm asked for a Legislative Action Request (LAR) to Maryland Municipal League regarding support of the Double Taxation Workgroup’s recommendation that the State of Maryland eliminate the two sections of the law that currently address tax set off and recommend a County may not charge a municipality for any service that is paid at a municipal level that results in a double taxation. The consensus of the Board of Aldermen was to support this request.

Alderman Young led the discussion on the following Legislative Initiatives:

1. Electronic Advertising – Alderman Krimm stated that the Legislative committee recommended not putting resources into this initiative unless there is a positive indication of support from the Senate Chair of the committee. Alderman Young concurred.
2. Blighted/Vacant properties
3. Legislation that would split revenue sharing of police moving violations when written by a municipal official in lieu of police formula aid.
4. State wide ban against Synthetic marijuana

Public Comment

None

Conclusion - Consensus of the Board of Aldermen is to move forward with the recommendations of the Legislative Committee. Mayor McClement will write a letter to MML in support of the elimination of double taxation for municipalities in Maryland and also in support of restoring Highway User Fees to municipalities.

4. Aldermanic Comments

- Alderman O'Connor – no comments
- Alderman Krimm – Stated that a lot is happening at the Transportation Planning Board meetings and she will share it at the July 18th Public meeting.
- Alderman Young stated that in a recent article, The City of Frederick was ranked #1 Safest Community by Farmers Insurance Company. She voiced concern over perpetuating the headline. Suggest revisiting this topic and ask Chief Ledwell for input.
- Alderman Russell – Feels the report from Farmers Insurance is not conflicting and noted the police force is presently understaff and staffing should be increased. She reminded everyone that police promotions and recognitions will take place tonight at the DVA Center.
- Alderman Aloï – no Comments.

Aldermen are requesting a discussion as to when public comment should take place at a meeting (beginning, end, after each topic).

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harding